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County School News.

Come, let us live for our children. I haven't much faith in the one who complains Of the work he has chosen to do: He's lazy or else he's deficient on brains And maybe a hypocrite too: He's liable to cheat and he's likely to rob-Away with the man who finds fault with his job But give me the one with the sun in his face And the shadows all dancing behind. Who can meet reverses with calmness and grace And never forgets to be kind.

The State Superintendent writes us:

In view of the fact that we now have a minimum term of only seven months, permit me to suggest that you urge upon the annual meeting to set the second Monday in September as the date of the opening of the seven months school: It would please me also if all contracts were made with teachers to begin school this fall the same date. All reports could be sent in on the same date. All bi-monthly examinations could begin on the same date. There would be a uniformity in the normal schools that would be helpful to both teachers and superintendent. Beginning school September 11th, fifteen weeks could be taught before Christmas and giving one week's vacation then school would close the last of March. This will give the older children plenty of time to help plant the crops and do other farm work. In unity there is strength. Come let us all work together for the best good of all. If a later date is better suited to this part of Kansas than the second Monday in September let us all unite on that date. Maybe the third Monday would suit this country best. Let us try to try to have the schools begin as near the same day.

Tuesday we visited the school taught by Fred W. Taylor in district 13. We found the school orderly and being well taught and the boys studying grammar with earnestness and earnestness that did our heart good. Boys CAN learn grammar.

Garden City is where the deeds and contracts come from was an answer given at the last examination by an applicant.

Mr. Geo. Sallee of district No. 14, Blue Bell district called to talk over matters pertaining to school. He lives so far from school he was wishing that there was some way that we could plan so that he could send his children to school next year. He lives over three miles from the school and his oldest child is too young to young to send.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and remember what other people have done for you? Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs of little children and remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are sick or are growing old. Then you can not only observe Christian memorial days, but truly keep them. And if for one day why not for all days.

Homer Freeman whom we started on the high road to learning came in and made us a little visit the other day and gave us a beautiful Easter card. We are glad to be remembered by our former pupils.

Teacher (to little boy) Freddie Brown are you making faces at Nellie Blake?

Freddie Brown Please teacher, no mam! I was trying to smile and my face slipped.

Mr. Hancock was in Thursday seeing to school matters pertaining to his district. He has been treasurer of district No. 7 for the past two years and his work faithfully.

Mrs. DeCrow called last Friday and finished up her reports to this office. She has taught a very successful school in District No. 4 the past year.

Now it's time for you to start to school Riggie darling. Good bye, No don't kiss mama, how many times must I tell you that kissing is unsanitary?

O child! how could you pat that dog? Now we must sterilize your hands all over again and steam them and then use the antiseptic spray on them. There! now, are your antiseptic gloves. Get your hands into them quickly.

And here are two tubes of germicide and a vaporizer, gargle every hour from this bottle, and sniff this one every odd hour. Here's your doctors certificate in its antiseptic case: Show it to the teacher if he insists on cutting out your tonsils again, and tell him I'm sure your adenoids have not grown again since your operation last week.

Now run along dearie. Don't breathe when the wind is blowing, or any dust is flying or any people passing. Don't breathe at all if you can help it. It is very unsanitary with the air full of disease germs. Now do be careful, Riggie, and mind all of the things I have said to you.

Wm. Rusco made us a pleasant visit last Saturday. He has just closed a very successful term of school in district 27. He is planning to attend the Normal Institute in July and further prepare himself for good and effectual work in the school room next year.

Miss Lottie Henline has just closed her school in district 23. The patrons

gave her and her pupils a fine dinner the last day, and a pleasant and happy afternoon was enjoyed by all. The parents in this district are well pleased with the work done by their children the past year under the direction of Miss Henline. We congratulate Miss Henline on her successful work.

During the past week we have received many pleasant calls from the school girls—Edna and Maude George, Blanch Fuest, Ruth Wolley, Ella Kern, Erma Clark, Mabel Evans, Celestine Lane, Rose and Stella Tucker and others. Come again, girls we like to see and talk with you.

M. B. Cooper of district 16 was in the office Saturday to get a blank petition and will try to get enough signatures to call a special meeting for the purpose of voting bonds for a new school house for the district. The present school house in the west part of the district is a sod school-house that the wind has nearly demolished this spring. This is a large district containing 42 sections and has a frame school house in the western part.

Teachers need to be constantly cautioned about attempting to make general rules and general plans which they use mechanically to fit all of the children in their charge. There is no such child as the average child. There are some children who come close to the general average, but the teacher will make many serious mistakes unless she studies each child carefully and by himself to determine whether he is nearly an average child or whether he is a very unusual and individual child. The teacher must be a constant student, not only of her subject matter, but chiefly of the children that she may determine the mind of the child and fit her teaching to that child's mind.

The State Superintendent writes us that the clerk should not make out his report until after the census is taken in June.

District treasurers, kindly report as soon as possible the amount of money received from the county treasurer since the last annual school meeting in July, 1910, up to April 14, 1911, also the amount paid out during that time.

We are hard at work on the examination papers and hope to be able to send out the results the first of next week. Many of the papers graded thus far were excellent, while others show a very poor understanding of the questions asked. And we wonder where the blame lies.

Hiram Jarrett and little daughter and Mrs. White and daughter were pleasant callers at this office last Saturday.

Last Saturday while working hard with the diploma examination we saw a little boy running toward the court house. We stepped to the door to see who it was and there was our dear little Charles Edward Woods just back from his trip to Mexico, where he had been visiting his grandmother Woods and his aunts, Misses Frances and May Woods. He is looking fine, so healthy and well. He says he enjoyed his stay in Mexico and can speak a few words of the Mexican language. He told us that his grandma was not yet quite well enough to leave Mexico. The Misses Woods look as though the climate agreed with them also. We think they are going from here to Rapid City, North Dakota.

We always enjoy court week because we see so many of the people of the county and get a number of facts concerning our schools. We also have the pleasure of seeing and talking with the eminent lawyers of southwestern Kansas. Last, but not least, we have such a good, hearty, homey visit with our old time friend, Judge Thompson.

While he cannot preach like angles And perhaps not preach like Paul. Yet his heart is full of kindness He's a friend to great and small— Yes, to both the saint and sinner To the old and the beginner. He tries to do the right thing by us all.

W. C. T. U. Notes

A Mothers' meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. E. George Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. This is a meeting of great importance to our city in more ways than one and one and all are invited to be present.

Program Hymn, "Lead Me to The Rock That is Higher Than I" Favorite Scripture Quotations Sanitation in the street, the home and the school Travel Talk—"What I Heard and What I Saw", by our returned lecturer, Mrs. Judge Grinstead Question Box, by Mrs. George and Mrs. Todd.

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